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Bring The Mail Through

From an Address by
Representative Ernest R. Ackerman
of New Jersey
before the House of Representatives

HONORABLE Ernest R. Ackerman, United States Representative from New Jersey, a stamp collector

whom all other collectors feel proud of, made an address before the House of Representatives in May of last year. The document has been issued in pamphlet form and contains much of interest to Air Mail collectors. While some of the data on the air mail service has become out of date due to the rapid development of the service there are some personal sides to the Air Mail business which will grow more valued as time goes on. These have to do with the pilots who handle the planes that carry the mail through the air. These boys deserve the greatest credit for their work and some personal stories and anecdotes relating to them as told by Representative Ackerman will be of interest to every collector of air mail covers.

In calling attention to some of these occasions Representative Ackerman provides very interesting reading. He first mentions "Some Heroic Feats" and from his own words we are inclined to believe that Mr. Ackerman has done some flying himself.

Some Heroic Feats

There was H. G. Boonstra. Forced down upon a rocky ledge 9,400 feet high, somewhere between Salt Lake City and Rock Springs, he crawled for 36 hours on his hands and knees through snow to

an abandoned ranch house. Thence he got to a telephone. When he finally got back, got the mail, and brought it to Colesville, Utah, the whole town turned out with a band to celebrate his arrival.

When R. H. Ellis's plane literally stuck its nose into the perpendicular side of a mountain in Wyoming he rolled his mail down the ledge and got it through.

Eugene Johnson's ship fell straight down, in a flying position, for 1,500 feet, with Mount Rose ahead. Arm over eye, he waited the crash, when the wind struck the ship with a jar that carried it up and turned it in the opposite direction. And he got through with the mail.

J. H. Knight, flying by compass in a fog 8,000 feet up, as his gas gave out, dropped under the bank to find Lake Erie. He played hide and seek with the docks and dredges till he wormed the mail home.

Paul Scott, out in Nevada, took the mail into a hole in the fog in Saddle Pass. The fog closed down. He banked, turned to come out with a visibility of 20 feet, leveled and started climbing, when he found he was scraping the tops of the trees. Crashed at 8,200 feet on the edge of the pass, he found his left shoulder out of joint and his left arm beginning to freeze. He noticed he had a cigarette. Then he noticed he had left his gun. Then he noticed the heavy fog giving no sun for bearings. Then he noticed he was lucky to be able to notice anything. Struggling through the snow, he slipped on a

rocky ledge and slid and tumbled 1,000 feet; it put his shoulder back into joint and restored the circulation. He got through to the railroad.

Flames Fail to Stop Him

Wesley Smith found flames bursting through the motor wall at his feet. Though the fire burned through the motor cowl and singed his face and clothing, he was calm enough to send his companion into the cabin to pile all the mail as far back as possible. Then he managed to "bring the mail through" by a clever landing in a cornfield.

"Benny" Eielson, who recently crossed the Arctic with Capt. George H. Wilkins, was made a chief of the Yukon Indian under the sobriquet of "Moose Ptarmigan" when, back in 1924, he brought the mail through dark and snowstorms into a country that previously had known only dog teams.

Before the completely mapped air routes, the lighted airways of today, R. B. Levisce owed his life to his memory for air landmarks. Running out of gas, oil and water 20 miles east of Placerville, he suddenly remembered a certain pear-shaped clearing he had observed on previous flights. From 8,000 feet up he made a "dead-stick" landing—and brought the mail through.

Frequently when the department asks its pilots for a report of their experiences it is hard to get anything. It is all in the day's work for them. Often a situation which

would make a story writer's reputation as a thriller is turned off in a jest. Take, for example, one of the reports of J. D. Hill, who afterwards was lost with Bertraud, another air pilot, on their tragic attempt to fly to Rome.

What Hill Encountered

During a certain trip westward from New York under a low barometer he struck a driving rain. Let Hill tell it:

"Mail held until noon on account of bad weather. I took off about 12:10 at Garden City; pyrene hitting the back of my legs suggested a rough trip. * * * I crossed the Delaware at Trenton and what was bad became worse. Rain became more rain; more rain became water. I discovered that one gray patch was trees, another water, and still another clouds. Every time I saw 'W' on the compass I headed for it.

"There were no automobiles on the roads, no birds, but millions of little things began to whiz by me, and as a fairly big one went by I looked back quickly and saw a fin, and realized they were fish. All those little ones must have been sardines, and I never knew before they grew close together like that.

"Anyway there I was with a fire extinguisher and a parachute praying for a lifeboat. * * * I saw a line of automobiles that seemed natural enough, but that band of flowers and the pipe organ were queer.

"I got back into clear water, rose a bit, and finally came out to where it was only raining. I saw fields, and after a time sat down in one. A man came out of a barn and said Lancaster was only 16 miles west * * * cold, wet, and hungry, and I never got a god-darned fish!

"Sixteen people were drowned in Pennsylvania that day, and I suppose I would have been drowned, too, if it hadn't been for the fan on the front of my ship. My observation on this trip is that the D. H. has too many wires for an airplane and not enough for a fish net."

Humorist Reveals Self

For pure unadulterated American humor, take an official report made by Kenneth Unger:

"I was crossing the Rubbie Mountains one day at about 10,500 feet when I broke a set of gears and landed in a very small field in the Secret Pass. A rancher riding range saw me land and rode over an let me take his horse to ride to the nearest ranch.

"After phoning to Elko for help I started back to the ship on horse. I started to mount and the horse

took off in a climbing turn before I got in the seat and had my safety belt fastened.

"To make a long story short, I overcontrolled her nose, went down, and I spun or sideslipped—I don't know which—into the ground with great speed.

"I broke my left ankle and was well shaken up by this second forced landing.

"After filling the air with smoke for a few minutes I got the beast again and we took off in a gentle lobe and returned to the ship. Help came; we repaired the motor and I flew the ship to Elko. There I had the ankle set by one of the best doctors in town.

"I had the luck to borrow a pair of crutches made for a man 6 feet tall, and as I am 5 foot 7 we got along fine. I had the boys at the field tack a strap on the right rudder bar so I could pull as well as push. This made up for the loss of my left foot. I took off for Salt Lake with the regular mail as usual.

"Motto: Always be sure you have your belt on before you take off with a Western horse."

Tex Marshall's Landing

There is the same kind of laugh in another pilot, "Tex" Marshall, who wrote in, after a clever landing under adverse conditions, that a man came up to him on the field and said:

"Mr. Marshall, my name is Votaw, and I want to tell you that I never saw anyone come so near hitting so many different things in such a short time and miss 'em all. I want to congratulate you or sympathize with you—I don't know which!"

Perhaps the classic of all is the report of Dean Smith:

"Dead stuck—flying low—only place available—on cow—killed cow—wrecked plane—scared me—Smith."

Whether the story is one of straightway courage or the whimsical tale of the humorous or the reticence of those who report "nothing happened worth telling about," one sentiment of devotion to the service and desire to help aviation inspired all true pilots. The world has seen in Lindbergh the inspiration of that devotion. It exists also in many others less renowned.

It is, first of all, due to men like these that the last decade has seen such a remarkable growth in mail aviation.

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PART TWO

THE Hebrew peoples settled in Palestine, which is today once again the Jewish homeland under the protection of mighty England. And these people have left us their history in the book we call the Old Testament or the Talmud, a history never-to-be-forgotten, of the days from Abraham to Solomon, from small beginnings to prosperity and then decline. And our postage stamps tell some of this story, by picture and by suggestion.

In the Book of Esther there is mention of the first postal systems recorded in history. In the book of Kings, it is also to be noted, postal systems are again referred to; and Queen Jezebel "wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in the city."

We have some stampic pictorial history of these times. On a 1928 series of Palestinian stamps many famous scenes are shown. The Tower of David, the Tomb of Rachel, the Sea of Galilee are illustrated; and with these, may we connect up our stamps with the story of the Hebrewic times. Turn-

Abyssinia claim direct descent from the union of the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon; and whether this be true or not, the fact remains that the Ethiopians and the Semitic peoples did intermingle at certain periods, so that a strain of Jewish blood does run thru Abyssinia! Another stamp, to further connect us, shows the Lion of the Tribe of Judah!

It was in Palestine that Jesus was born; and there that he preached his religion of goodness and mercy and tolerance. And postage stamps take us back to His time; and we find several scenes that are worthy of mention at this place. But for the story of Jesus we must look at the postage stamps of more than one country.

On British Virgin Islands stamps we find the picture of the Mother Mary and the Baby Jesus. These two holy figures appear on such issues as that of the 1899 series, with Jesus in Mary's arms. Mary stands under a halo that is lighted from the heavens. And so postage stamps connect us with the subject of religion!

The Baby Jesus grew up. On a 100 krone (korona) postage stamp of Hungary, we find the Mother Mary with the Christ-child, as a boy, on her lap. The Christ-child holds a globe of the world surmounted by a cross, and is very symbolical. As a man, Jesus began to preach throughout the land of Galilee; that sea, called now the Lake of Tiberius, is seen on a 1928 stamp of Palestine. An Italian stamp for "the propagation of the faith", shows us Jesus preaching to the multitude!

In spreading His gospel of mercy and love, Jesus called to his side twelve apostles; and postage stamps do not omit such references, either! On a 10 shillings Malta postage and revenue stamp is to be seen the good St. Paul after a shipwreck, and he is shown imploring mercy and aid of heaven while the sea is in turmoil and his ship, seen in the distance on the stampic design, scuttled.

So we get from such stamps a lesson in faith, and postage stamps become memorials to those great and good men who lived to make the world better.



Throne of Solomon

ing to Abyssinia, one of the two really independent nations in Africa, we find certain stamps which connect us still further with "Biblical" history. One of these Abyssinian issues shows us the glorious throne of King Solomon whose splendor and licentiousness has been to this day remembered all over the world. This particular postage stamp then, becomes of much interest to us. It is to be remembered that the monarchs of

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Building Up Your Collection

By TOM TWEEZER

ARE you making the utmost of your opportunities for increasing your collection? To get the most out of your hobby it must make healthy growth. In addition to regular purchases don't overlook other means of securing excellent material. Put your duplicates to work by trading with other collectors. This method is not as popular as it should be. Many collectors are afraid they will get the worst of it in exchanging and I regret to say their fears are not entirely unfounded. There are collectors, who on account of possessing superior knowledge of stamps and their values, are not above profiting thereby, in trading with those not so well posted.

It is not within the scope of this article to impart knowledge which requires time and application to absorb. I will suggest, however, that you make a rule to exchange United States stamps for United States, British Colonials for the same class, and general foreign for general foreign. This will eliminate to some extent the inequalities of trading on a catalogue basis. There still remains the possibility of a sharper picking up "sleepers" from those not well enough posted. On the other hand, I believe that there are many collectors who not only would not take advantage of you, but will give you even better value than they receive, providing they find some nice items amongst your offerings which they need to fill vacant spaces.

Don't be ashamed to acknowledge yourself a stamp collector to your intimate personal friends and solicit their help in finding some new stamps for your collection. Give them a short description of the fascinating pastime, stressing the educational advantages, and you will marshal a number of valuable lieutenants who will be on the alert for something to bring you.

A young acquaintance of mine has met with fair success along this line. It has not brought him any great rarities, but within the past year here is what he got. One lady brought him some stamps she secured from her neighbors; a few common Great Britain and German Republic issues and (take note) several Northern Rhodesia on original cover. The latter he did not previously have. Another friend surprised him with a number of covers containing Sudan and Sierra Leone stamps, further augmenting

his expanding collection. Then there was the gentleman who brought a number of common Canadian stamps of different denominations, with a promise of more. Another gentleman, a business man, brought him a large envelope containing approximately four hundred stamps which had reposed in a drawer of his desk for nearly fifteen years untouched. These he had taken from his own mail. Some of the stamps were older than that, and were evidently gathered over a period of years. There were very few of the common one and two cent stamps in the lot, and the catalogue value ran up to forty cents each on some. Later, a precancel fan looked through the bunch and found an 8 cent Sherman, type of 1898 precancel of a small Western city, catalogued by Rotnem at \$1.50. Pretty nice, eh?

Among the youngster's friends was a middle-aged woman who "lived out" as housekeeper. This woman always brought him from one to two dozen stamps which she secured here and there in behalf of the young collector. Some were new issues of Norway and Netherlands not yet represented in his collection. Now for the greatest thrill of all. One day this lady called at his home carrying quite a sizeable parcel.

"I have some stamps for you, Bobby," she grinned, as she handed the package to our hero. Bobby thanked her, and trembled with excitement as he opened the parcel. "Oh, boy!" was all he could say as he caught a glimpse of what was within.

In explanation the lady stated that the 21 year old son of her present employer was a stamp collector, owning a large and valuable collection and many thousands of duplicates. He was about to leave home for a Western city, to remain away for a considerable period and had authorized the housekeeper to destroy these stamps. Instead she brought them to her young friend who had requested her aid in building up his collection. Which proved, once more, that "it pays to advertise."

There were over 8,000 stamps in the parcel, mostly foreign, and the kind that trickles in on the bank mail, many of them being high values that looked very nice in his album alongside of the low values which he already had.

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PRECANCEL NEWS

The next meeting of the New York Precancel Club will take place at W. B. Hoover's office, 35 West 33rd Street, New York, on Friday evening, February 1. A big mail auction will be pulled off that night. The Second anniversary feed will take place at the meeting following that, Friday, February 15 (a slight assessment to cover the cost of the feed will be asked of those attending). Fifty members and guests are expected at the February 15 meeting.

The last meeting of the Club was held Friday evening, January 18 with President S. F. Johnson in the chair, assisted by Sec. Burchard. About twenty members were present as well as two prominent visitors, Messrs. Walter Gates of Teaticket, Mass., and V. W. Rotnem of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Gates, called upon for remarks, commented upon the fact that he had just gotten back from checking the collection he gave to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C. It appears that the authorities there have seen the denunciatory editorial printed some time ago by the New York Sun and that they consider it a reflection more upon the Institute than upon precancels.

Mr. Rotnem commended the New York Club for taking the initiative in the campaign to identify favors in precancels and predicted that in after years, the decision the Club has made will be viewed with grateful favor by the precancel collectors of that day as marking the first real move to stabilize the hobby.

TANNOU TOUVA LAND OF MYSTERY

Tannou Touva, the newcomer to the still-growing army of stamp-issuing countries, is probably the least known of them all. We therefore give a few facts concerning this country which will help to dispel the fog of uncertainty which surrounds it.

Tannou Touva, a title more correct than Northern Mongolia of which it is only a part, is situated on the great central Asiatic plateau, south of Siberia and north of Mongolia proper, and can be identified as the province Uriankhai, its old pre-war name or the northernmost part of Mongolia, of which it comprises about one-eighth, west of Lake Baikal.

Mongolia itself is a member of the U. S. S. R. and a protectorate of Russia, and Tannou Touva is one of the three areas into which it has been divided for administrative purposes, the other two being Inner Mongolia and North-West Mongolia. Although nominally a republic, in reality Tannou Touva seems nothing more than a Russian province, using Russian currency and with all authority vested in Russians.

Much of this little-known country can be learnt from its new pictorial set, lithographed in Moscow, which has just been issued. This set incidentally, has been designed by a woman, Madame Olga Amosova. The 18 and 70 kopecks depict a flock of sheep and a shepherd respectively; the 2 kop. and 1 rble. the head of a stag and natives mounted upon reindeer, the 14 kop. a camel caravan crossing the desert, and the 40 kop. a band of natives on horseback fording a river. From this we assume that cattle, transport animals, and sheep are of great importance, and this is the case. Agriculture is non-existent, and cattle breeding, especially of transport animals for use on the transport Asiatic trade routes, is the chief occupation. A sub-industry carried on by women, is carpet making, seen on the 50 kop. stamp. A typical mountain scene is shown on the 28 kop., while on the 8 kop. we get a map of the country. There are still five more values in the set. The 1 and 5 kop. show a native man and woman, the 3 kop a goat, the 4 kop. a native tent, noteworthy because of its bark covering instead of the usual hide or more civilized canvas, and lastly on the 10 kop. we are shown natives practising archery. Presumably the bow is still a weapon of attack in that far-off land which yet seems to have quite a modern appreciation of the kind of stamps collectors like.

—The City Stamp Guide.

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In our last issue we referred to "Stamp News in the Daily Press" and called attention to a column in one of our local papers and to an editorial in The Columbus Evening Dispatch. The editorial in the Dispatch was noticed by a number of local stamp collectors and the editor of the Dispatch has come to the conclusion that about half the readers of the Dispatch must be stamp collectors. Let us quote a part of the editorial:

"The experiment of reducing the space devoted to newspaper editorials to a minimum or, as has been tried in isolated instances, abolishing them altogether, has served to refute the apochryphal theory that editorials are not read. Those who held to such an hypothesis never wrote an editorial about Molly Pitcher postage stamps. If they had, they would have changed their opinion and discovered that not less than half the paper's circulation is among philatelists.

We now know that women have not been without representation on American postage stamps and that Martha Washington and Pocahontas were the ones so honored. Also that the Molly Pitcher stamps did not carry the picture of the heroine of the Revolution, but merely her name. Our humble genuflection is in the direction of the philatelists."

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SPEED Referring to an editorial in our issue of January 21st, a dealer who is using space in our paper says. "Will say ads in your paper are pulling very well. You are right about monthlys being passee. About half passee is weekly that requires three or four weeks after you send copy to produce your advertisements, and they call this the age of the airplane!"

TIT FOR TAT Some time ago we made some remarks about Editor Fennel of the American Philatelist being a precancel collector. He took us to task for these remarks in a letter we received shortly after the matter appeared in print. Said the Cincinnati boys were all wanting to see his precancel collection. Realizing that we have become twisted somewhere we looked up the number of the American Philatelist from which we had gleaned the misinformation that we printed and found that we had read some of the notes by Bill Bloss and had thought that they were notes by Mr. Fennel. Now in the last number of the A. P. we find an opportunity to put it back at brother Fennel and give him "Tit for Tat". In speaking about the unsolicited approval menace he quotes a resolution of the American Stamp Dealers Association and in the words of the American Philatelist we learn that the "OSSOCIATION" reaffirms its opposition to sending unsolicited approvals. Brother Fennel had better read his proofs a bit more carefully or he will some day be printing something about the American Stamp Dealers Ossification.

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The Air Mail



Porto Rican Air Mails

From Mr. George S. Chapman of San Juan, Porto Rico, we have some news of interest regarding the flights to Porto Rico by Pan American Airways.

The editor had sent some covers down to be placed in the mail for the first flight from San Juan back to Miami. It happens that our covers when sent down were not started soon enough. We had evidently posted them here in Columbus on the same date that the Mail boat left New York for San Juan and as a result they had to lay over for a later boat and arrived at San Juan after the third flight by air had been made. Mr. Chapman states that many other covers arrived in the same manner and as a result he states that all were dumped into the mail and came back by air but with cancellations that are of little use or value to collectors. We got twenty-five covers with 12c postage on each of them for our trouble and understand that many other collectors are in the same boat as regards first flights from Porto Rico.

Mr. Chapman also states that The Pan American Airways had a number of covers sent them for dispatch by first flight from San Juan but that in accordance with their announced policy, they did not dispatch them but turned them over to the postmaster for return to senders.

The superintendent of mail was very careful to see that each cover got a clear cachet, states Mr. Chapman, starting a week before the flight to apply the cachet to covers on hand. Two cachets were used, both exactly alike and both were used.

There were 155 pounds of mail carried from San Juan on the first flight and 105 pounds were received at San Juan on the first flight from Miami. Mr. Chapman states that he mailed 500 covers for other parties and that he received 400 from Miami.

First flight covers from Miami to Porto Rico bear the same cachet that was used on covers from Porto Rico. All we have seen are stamped in violet ink. The covers bear the date January 9 at Miami and are backstamped January 10 at San Juan, Porto Rico.

Due to some carelessness on the part of the publishers, the covers

which we sent to San Juan, addressed to Mr. Chapman were stamped with only 7 cents postage when the amount should have been 12c. Mr. Chapman very kindly paid the postage due on these covers and returned them to us for which we are duly thankful.

It is said that a large percentage of the covers on these flights were short paid and carried postage due and that it is very probable that covers fully paid may be much more scarce than those with the postage due on them.

How Do You Mount Your Air Mail Covers?

From Brattleboro, Vermont, a town that is historic in stamp lore, comes a letter from a collector of Air Mail covers that clearly states the aims of Linn's Weekly Stamp News. Mr. J. Stewart Barney says: "I like the policy of giving newsy, up-to-date stuff, keep it up. The other weekly papers carry the technical articles, have Linn's chatty. It fills the need, in my mind, for a late news bulletin with the philatelic news of the week. In other words, a newspaper instead of a magazine."

Mr. Barney says further, "If you find space, open a readers' column. We all have something we want to 'chew the rag' about. I would like to know how others mount their Air Mail Covers. I have about 190 laying around in a drawer and don't know the best way to mount them."

The publishers will be glad to have letters from collectors telling about their method of taking care of their air mail covers.

South Bend, Indiana Airport

From Mr. George Carter of South Bend, Indiana, we have a cover by air mail bearing a cachet which reads:

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Aero Philatelic Society—Cachet

The annual banquet of the Aero Philatelic Society of Chicago was held Saturday night, January 26th, at the Hotel Bismarck in Chicago. We have not received particulars of the affair but we are in receipt of an air mail cover from Mr. George A. Zimmerman; this cover is a souvenir of the occasion and bears on its face a very attractive cachet in memory of the affair.

We believe that this is the first instance of a philatelic body using a cachet on an air mail envelope in recording the doings of the society or Club. It is indeed a novel thought and the Chicago Society is to be congratulated on the neat way in which they have carried out the idea.

C. A. M. 29

The air mail from New Orleans via Beaumont to Houston, Texas, got off on schedule and the cachets used on this flight in all three cities are very attractive ones. Our covers from New Orleans were stamped with a cachet in magenta, Houston also used magenta while Beaumont used a violet ink.

Of thirty covers received from the three cities not a single one is backstamped. Some collectors lay great stress on the covers being properly backstamped. Personally we do not see the necessity of the backstamp on a cover. Its only function is to show date of receipt and it adds nothing to the authenticity of a cover. The most important part of any first day air mail cover is the cachet. This alone is proof that the cover was carried by air. A backstamp does not prove this except that postal regulations provide for the backstamping of air mail covers and do not provide for backstamping of ordinary mail. We all know however that many air mail letters go through without the backstamp and we feel certain that we will see the day when the backstamp is taken from air mail letters in order to save the time that this extra handling requires. If we are to speed up the mail, let's speed it up and not play around with it at the post-office by running it through a cancelling machine just for the sake of backstamping it.

Of ten covers sent to New Orleans to come through on the air mail on the first flight on January 23, eight of them are machine cancelled and cacheted alike. One cover which bears a cancellation the same as the eight above mentioned is without the cachet and the other cover is cancelled with a handstamp.

News of the Week

How To Get Clark Stamps

Mr. E. W. Determan, 718 Broadway, Vincennes, Indian, is taking charge of all letters and inquiries that are sent the Chamber of Commerce at Vincennes. Mr. Determan advises us that many letters sent the Chamber of Commerce are inquiries which need a reply but that collectors are so thoughtless as to not enclose the customary stamp for reply. In taking charge of all this correspondence that is being sent in regarding the new Clark stamps, Mr. Determan has volunteered in the belief that he can do a service to collectors.

"In the future," Mr. Determan says, "if no stamped return envelope is enclosed, the letters will be unanswered".

Mr. Determan is taking a big job on his hands, perhaps a bigger job than he realizes. However he states that he will engage special help for handling this business and that collectors who want first day covers must send envelopes addressed and sealed and remit the cost of the postage to be placed on the envelopes, plus 2 cents per envelope additional to cover expense of handling.

York State Collectors Have Big Meeting

L. A. Beebe of Yonkers, New York, sends us a clipping from the Yonkers Herald of January 21st, which gives a full column to the meeting of the Westchester County Chapter of the American Philatelic Society. According to the date of the paper and the information therein the meeting was held Sunday evening, January 20th, at the home of Beverly S. King in White Plains, N. Y. Regardless of unpleasant weather there were 17 members and four visitors in attendance, two of whom joined the chapter. E. B. Power, S. T. Rosenheim, John Nicklin and A. van Lieberman were present as guests.

The next meeting will be held in Yonkers, New York. Messrs. Beebe, DeCastro and Willock of Yonkers will act as hosts.

Stamp Exhibition in Detroit

Mr. Herman W. Boers of Detroit sends the information that the Michigan Stamp Club of Detroit will hold its Annual Stamp Exhibition in its Club Rooms in G. A. R. Hall on Saturday, February 16. Charles Brisley is Chairman of the Exhibition Committee and he promises a good show. Many leading Detroit collectors have agreed to show parts of their collections and a special lot of prizes will be awarded exhibitors.

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A Newspaper Stamp Story

A rare Hawaiian stamp, issued in 1851, has been sold by Federal Judge Woodrough, acting on behalf of his nephew, Frederick Woodrough of Japan, for \$750. The nephew sent the stamp to the judge, who turned it over to R. C. Hoyt, federal court clerk, a stamp collector. Hoyt sold it to a Philadelphia dealer. Young Woodrough cut the stamp from the envelope, thereby cutting about \$750 from its value, Hoyt said.

—Omaha World Herald.

Cleveland Stamp Club

Under the guidance of Willis Whittaker, well known auctioneer, the Cleveland Stamp Club held its first official club auction on Tuesday evening, January 22nd, at the Club Rooms, Hotel Cleveland.

Due to very inclement weather many prospective buyers stayed away, but despite this fact the results were very satisfactory. Dr. McGay arrived late and made up for lost time by picking up several attractive lots.

One hundred and sixty lots were offered for sale and but a small proportion was "passed". Messrs. Browne and Preston assisted Whittaker, as auction clerks.

The fact that all meetings are open to every one, whether or not a member, should attract many of the local and nearby collectors. Prompt handling of business and unlimited time for fraternization is an attractive feature of the Club.

MAJOR KIMBLE IS RIGHT — BUT

I enclose three stamps taken at random out of a Mission Mixture. I soaked off paper and measured by Scott's Gauge, also by three other different makes of gauges; while the stamps were wet and also when nearly dry. They measured exactly $11 \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ by all three gauges.

After they were thoroughly dry I again measured them by all three gauges and they all measure $11\frac{1}{2}$

$\times 10\frac{1}{2}$. Now then, the vertical perf. $10\frac{1}{2}$ gauged $10\frac{1}{2}$ either wet or dry but the horizontal perfs vary $\frac{1}{2}$ gauge so I opine that in the process of printing these stamps are perf 11 while the paper is damp. Then in the process of drying they contract more in one direction than in another. Same effect as that some rotaries are wider in one direction than in the other, as some vary in width while others vary in height.

Another theory is that the variations of gauge may be caused by the machine or process now in use for gumming the rotary prints, which would have a tendency to contract the paper enough to change the gauge of the perforations $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ a point or more. No doubt some collector who is familiar with the modern process of stamp manufacture can throw some light on the subject.

—G. A. Hunt.

Cleveland Chatter

Garfield-Perry Stamp Club will hold its 39th Anniversary Celebration and Banquet, on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, March 16th, at the Hotel Cleveland. Ladies are invited. We hope for an un-

usually large turn-out, especially from out of Town Friends.

At the meeting of Jan. 25th, our beloved member, Herbert Griffin, who has been very ill, was reported to be slowly recovering and practically out of danger. This was good news to all of us, and we trust the improvement from now on will be exceptionally speedy.

Last Friday of each month being Auction night, the usual sale was held of 38 lots. Total realized was \$22.20. This Department is sadly in need of materials of the better class, and any Member reading this Appeal, will confer a favor on the Club, by responding with some nice Lots. Mail to the Auctioneer, Bill Whittaker, Hotel Hannah.

On the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, the Cleveland Stamp Club held their first scheduled Auction Sale at Hotel Cleveland. It was one of those terrible icy days that come two or three times every winter, but still 32 turned out, which was rather remarkable under the circumstances. Sale was under the direction of "Bill" Whittaker, who was borrowed for the occasion, and 161 Lots were run off in record time.

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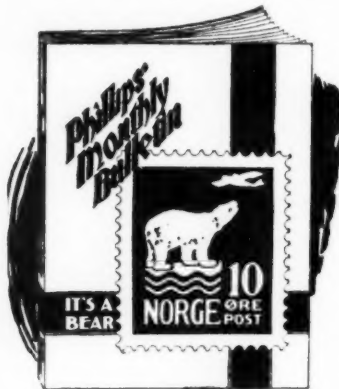
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The price changes noted in these columns replace the quotations in the 1929 Edition of the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue. Changes should be made in your catalogue accordingly. A dash denotes that the price should be deleted.—Ed. note.

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1184	"	73	.50	.25
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For Collectors

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| 1st prize | 1000 8 1/2 x 11 inch Letter heads, printed to your order on Hammermill Bond. |
| 2nd prize | 100 Linprint, loose leaf blank approval books, ten pages to each book. |
| 3rd prize | One Loose Leaf Columbus Album. |

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For Collectors

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For the Dealer

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| 1st prize | One half-page advertisement in Linn's Weekly Stamp News. |
| 2nd prize | Same as for the collectors prize. |
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| 2nd prize | One half page advertisement in Linn's Weekly Stamp News. |
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